

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT APPLICATION

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RULE 53(b)
CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation,
☐ divisional, application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of
pending prior application No. 09/833,032, Confirmation
No. 8357, filed April 11, 2001.

Transmitted herewith for filing are the [X] specification; [X] claims; [X] abstract; [X] declarations and powers of attorney (3 partially executed declarations, 7 pp. each); [X] Application Data Sheet; [X] Preliminary Amendment.

The enclosed declarations are:

[X] Newly executed (original or copy).

[] A Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)).

[] A signed statement is attached deleting inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)).

[] The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

The filing, as calculated after the Preliminary Amendment, is shown below:

CLAIMS AS FILED HEREWITH									
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BASIC FEE									\$ 750.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	31	-	20 *	=	11	X	\$ 18	=	\$ 198.00
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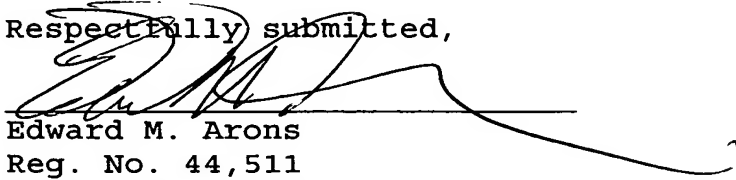
- [X] A check in the amount of \$948.00 in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.
- [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16, in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.
- [] Please charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1075 in payment of the filing fee. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.

Also enclosed herewith are:

- [X] Letter Concerning Copendency With Parent Application Under 37 C.F.R. § 120.
- [X] Copy of Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for Extension of Time, filed in connection with parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/833,032.
- [X] Letter Concerning PAIR Database Record in Parent Application.
- [X] Copy of Resubmission of Request for Correction of PAIR Database Record, filed in connection with parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/833,032.
- [X] Copy of Petition for Extension of Time and Request for Correction of PAIR Database, filed in connection with parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/833,032.
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement.
- [X] Form PTO-1449 (in duplicate).
- [X] Copies of 8 cited references.

[X] Copy of Transmittal of Certified Copy of Foreign
Priority Application Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.55, filed
in connection with parent U.S. patent application No.
09/833,032.

Respectfully submitted,



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LETTER CONCERNING COPENDENCY WITH
PARENT APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120

Sir:

The application filed herewith is a
continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application No.
09/833,032, filed April 11, 2001. The Office mailed an
Office Action in the prior application on April 8, 2003.
A Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) For Extension Of
Time, including a check for \$465.00 in payment of a 3-
month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is
being filed concurrently in connection with the prior
application to extend the period for reply to October 8,

2003. A copy of the Petition is enclosed herewith.
Applicant respectfully submits, therefore, that the
application filed herewith is being filed during the
pendency of the prior application in accordance with the
requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Respectfully Submitted,

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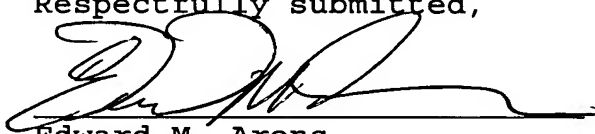
LETTER CONCERNING PAIR DATABASE
RECORD IN PARENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Applicants respectfully note that continuity data shown on the Patent and Trademark Office PAIR website in connection with parent application U.S. Patent Application No. 09/833,032, filed April 11, 2001 remains incorrect after applicants' requests during prosecution of that application for correction of the data. (Copies of a Petition for Extension of Time and Request for Correction of PAIR Database Record and a Resubmission of Request for Correction of PAIR Database Record filed in connection with the parent

application are enclosed). Applicants are notifying the Patent and Trademark Office about the incorrect PAIR data so that the Patent and Trademark Office can ensure that a new PAIR Database Record for the application filed herewith, correctly shows that this application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/833,032, filed April 11, 2001, which is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP00/07615, filed August 5, 2000 (now abandoned).

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Examiner : Jason Benton

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RESUBMISSION OF REQUEST FOR
CORRECTION OF PAIR DATABASE RECORD

Sir:

Further to a Petition for Extension of Time and
Request for Correction of PAIR Database Record mailed
December 2, 2002 (copy enclosed), applicants respectfully
note that the continuity data shown on the Patent and
Trademark Office PAIR website in connection with the above-
identified application remains incorrect. Applicants

respectfully request that the Patent and Trademark Office correct the PAIR Database to show that this application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP00/07615, filed August 5, 2000 (now abandoned). Applicants respectfully request also that continuity information be added to the linked Publication Review web page.

More detailed information regarding the foregoing requests is included in the enclosed copy of the December 2, 2002 Petition for Extension of Time and Request for Correction of PAIR Database Record.

Although applicants are not aware of any fee that is required in connection with the foregoing requests, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Letter is enclosed herewith.

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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a 3-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated April 8, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before October 8, 2003. A check in the amount of \$930.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or to credit

overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF PAIR DATABASE RECORD

Sir:

Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)
For Extension Of Time

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby
petition for a two-month extension of the period set for
reply to the Office Action dated July 9, 2002, to make the

date for reply December 9, 2002. A check in the amount of \$400.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2), is enclosed herewith. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or to credit overpayment in connection with this paper, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Request For Correction
of PAIR Database Record

This application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 from International Application No. PCT/EP00/07615, filed August 5, 2000. A claim of priority from the international application was presented in an Application Data Sheet (copy enclosed¹), filed concurrently with the instant application, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.76(b)(5). A Filing Receipt issued by the Patent and Trademark Office on June 7, 2001 (copy enclosed) acknowledged the claim.

Applicants have become aware, however, that the Patent and Trademark Office PAIR Database Continuity Data web

¹ The Application Data Sheet enclosed herewith is a copy of the original Application Data Sheet that was filed concurrently with the application, not a Supplemental Application Data Sheet. Applicants note that the address of inventor Achim Sach shown on the copy of the original Application Data Sheet is outdated. The address was updated by the filing of an executed Declaration on December 4, 2001.

page linked to the PAIR web page for this application erroneously does not show International Application No. PCT/EP00/07615.

Also, applicants note that on the linked Publication Review web page for this application:

1. The date shown in the "PCT filed" field is incorrect;
 2. The "PCT Number" field is empty; and
 3. The "Parent Continuity Data" field is empty.
- (Applicants also note that the "Inventor Name(s)" field omits two of the seven inventors for this case. Applicants are taking steps to correct the omission.)

In a November 15, 2002 telephonic interview with Supervisory Patent Examiner Henry Yuen, Examiner Yuen stated that, although the omission of priority data from the PAIR database does not affect a priority claim, applicants may request that the PAIR Database records be corrected.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the Patent and Trademark Office correct the PAIR Database for this application as follows:

1. On the Continuity Data web page, please include International Application No. PCT/EP00/07615;

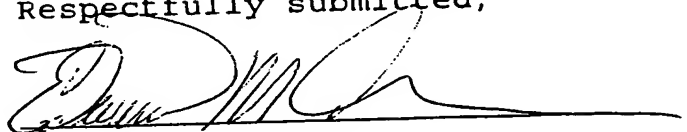
2. On the Publication Review web page, please correct the "PCT filed" field to show that the PCT filing date is August 5, 2000;

3. On the Publication Review web page, please correct the "PCT Number" field to show that the International Application No. is PCT/EP00/07615; and

4. On the Publication Review web page, please correct the "Parent Continuity Data" field to show that this application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP00/07615.

Although applicants are not aware of any fee that may be due in connection with this Request, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed herewith.

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